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SUBJECT: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS -- AUGUST 1-7

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1. SUMMARY: MAJOR ITEM IN GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS IS AGREE-  
MENT AT VIENNA III AND GROWING ARGUMENT WHETHER IT REPRE-  
SENTS ACCEPTANCE OF BIZONAL FEDERATION.

LYSSARIDES HEAVILY ATTACKS CLERIDES FOR AGREEMENTS,  
COMMUNIST PRESS BEGINNING COME OUT IN SUPPORT OF  
VIENNA III IF DENKTASH LIVES UP TO PROMISE PRESENT  
INTEGRATED PLAN BY END OF MONTH, AND PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS  
NOT YET COMING DOWN CLEARLY ONE WAY OR ANOTHER. CON-  
FUSION AMONG POPULACE REFLECTED AS PAPERS RECOGNIZE

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SOMETHING SIGNIFICANT AFOOT BUT UNCERTAIN OF ITS IMPORT

AND STANCE OF MAKARIOS. OTHER MAJOR STORIES OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE AND POSSIBLE EC-9 INITIATIVE LARGELY OVERSHADOWED BY DEBATE OVER BIZONALITY. AND SUMMARY.

2. VIENNA III: GREEK CYPRIOT PRESS IN RECENT DAYS REFLECTS GENUINE CONFUSION OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, PARTICULARLY VIENNA III AGREEMENT. MANY GREEK CYPRIOTS WONDERING WHETHER THEIR LEADERS HAVE ACCEPTED BIZONAL FEDERATION DESPITE OFFICIAL DENIALS AUGUST 7. THIS OFFICIAL STATEMENT ADDS THAT VIENNA III REFLECTED PROGRESS IN PROCEDURAL RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS AND GOC AWAITING DENKTASH'S SPECIFIC PROPOSALS FOR DISCUSSION IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH BEFORE MAKING ANY STATEMENTS ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE MOVEMENT. PRESS HAS CONCENTRATED HEAVILY ON VIENNA AGREEMENT, ATTACKS BY LYSSARIDES AGAINST CLERIDES' WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE OF MOVEMENT OF TURKS TO NORTH, MEETING OF NATIONAL AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS WHICH DISCUSSED VIENNA AGREEMENT AND HESITANCY OF MAKARIOS TO ENTER DEBATE PUBLICLY.

3. EVEN BEFORE CLERIDES RETURNED FROM VIENNA, LYSSARIDES' TA NEA AND ANNEXARTITOS SHARPLY CALLED INTO QUESTION PROPRIETY OF AGREEMENT REACHED THERE, CLAIMING CLERIDES HAD EXCEEDED INSTRUCTIONS BY SIGNING AN AGREEMENT WHICH IN EFFECT ACCEPTED BIZONALITY. FOR EXAMPLE, TA NEA AUGUST 7: "AGON HAS AUDACITY TO SPEAK OF 'VINDICATION OF CLERIDES' YET CLERIDES HIMSELF ADMITTED THAT AGREEMENT WAS HIS WORK, THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS WERE FOR TACIT NON PREVENTION REMOVAL OF TURKS. IN WHAT WAY HAS HE BEEN VINDICATED?" CLERIDES STRONGLY COUNTER-ATTACKED BOTH IN ARRIVAL STATEMENT AND IN HIS ORGAN AGON, CLAIMING HE HAD INDEED ACTED WITHIN INSTRUCTIONS FROM MAKARIOS AND NATIONAL AND MINISTERIAL COUNCILS. IN MEANTIME PRO-MAKARIOS PRESS KEPT SILENT, WAITING FOR REACTION OF JOINT NATIONAL AND MINISTERIAL COUNCIL. FOLLOWING COUNCIL MEETING COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED STATING CLERIDES HAD ACTED WITHIN INSTRUCTIONS, BUT ALSO REGISTEING LYSSARIDES' OPPOSITION THIS VIEW (NICOSIA 2422). PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS RELUCTANTLY ADDRESSED ISSUE ON AUGUST 7 STATING VIENNA AGREEMENT HAD NOT PREJUDGED A FINAL SOLUTION AND CALLING FOR UNITY AROUND MAKARIOS.

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4. WHILE LYSSARIDES' AND CLERIDES' ORGANS HAVE STATED VIEWS, REST OF PRESS IS WAFFLING. SAMPSON'S MACHI SAYS CLERIDES ACTED ON INSTRUCTIONS BUT VIENNA OUTLINED BIZONAL SOLUTION; LEADERSHIP (I. E., MAKARIOS) SHOULD SPEAK OUT AND INFO PEOPLE WHAT IS GOING ON. COMMUNIST HARAVGHI DENIES THERE IS NOW LEADERSHIP CRISIS AND INDIRECTLY ATTRIBUTES LENGTH OF COUNCIL MEETING ONLY TO LYSSARIDES' ATTACKS ON CLERIDES. INDEPENDENT ELEFTHEROS LAOS EVEN CALLS FOR

REFERENDUM IN WHICH PEOPLE CAN EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS.  
THROUGH ALL THIS MAKARIOS HAS REMAINED SILENT.

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5. INTERESTING DEVELOPMENT IN THIS GROWING ARGUMENT ARE RECENT  
STATEMENTS BY HARAVGHI WHICH --WITHOUT REFERRING TO SPECIFIC  
NAMES-- APPEAR COME SOEN ON SIDE OF CLERIDES. NOT ONLY DIES  
HARAVGHI CRITICIZE LYSSARIDES, WHICH IS NATURAL, BUT ALSO  
AUPPORTS LINE BEING TAKEN BY CLERIDES. PAPER SAYS IF  
DENKTASH FULFILLS HIS COMMITMENT TO PRESENT INTEGRATED PLAN  
TO CLERIDES BY END OF AUGUST, THIS "WILL LET US KNOW AT LEAST  
WHERE WE STAND AND WE SHALL BE IN POSITION TO EVALUATE  
LOOMING PROSPECTS FOR CYPRUS PROBLEM AND SPECIFY APPROPRIATE  
HANDLINGS..." (TA 071652Z AUG 75). ALSO CARRIED IN  
HARAVGHI IS STATEMENT BY SECRETARY GENERAL OF COMMUNIST  
TRADE UNION WHICH SAYS VIENNA III AGREEMENT IS POSITIVE  
DEVELOPMENT WHICH BREAKS PREVIOUSLY PREVALENT NEGATIVE

ATTITUDE TOWARD SITUATION. SECGEN ADDED THAT "OUT ADVICE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND THE POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IS THAT IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEFINING OUR TACTICS WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT THE INTERESTS OF CYPRUS AND ITS PEOPLE DEMAND AN EARLY SETTLEMENT. WE DO NOT RULE OUT THE LONG-TERM STRUGGLE. WE ACCEPT IT, HOWEVER, TO THE EXTENT THAT THIS IS IMPOSED ON US BY THE IRRATIONAL DEMANDS OF THE ENEMIES OF CYPRUS. WE ARE NOT TURNING IT INTO AN END. IF WE WERE TO TURN THE TACTICS OF THE LONG-TERM STRUGGLE INTO AN END WE WOULD COMMIT A MOST TRAGIC MISTAKE." THUS, CLERIDES SEEMS TO HAVE FOUND UNEXPECTED ALLY IN COMMUNIST PARTY.

6. HELSINKI: JULY 31 PRESS GAVE BANNER HEADLINE TREATMENT TO KARAMANLIS' SPEECH AT CONFERENCE, INTERPRETING IT AS "BLOW AT TURKISH INVASION." SAME DAY PRESS ALSO STATED THAT "IDENTITY OF VIEWS" ON CYPRUS EXISTS BETWEEN KARAMANLIS AND MAKARIOS WITHOUT OFFERING SPECIFIC EVIDENCE. ALL PAPERS AUGUST 1 PRAISE MAKARIOS' HELSINKI SPEECH AS "MORAL VICTORY FOR CYPRUS." IN ADDITION, PAPERS CLAIM TURKISH DELEGATION ISOLATED AT HELSINKI. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS HEADLINES "TURKEY IN THE DOCK -- DEMIREL IS CONFUSED AND SAYS HE IS NOT BOUND BY HELSINKI DECISIONS." AUGUST 1 PRESS PROMINENTLY CARRIED SPEECH BY PREMIER BREZHNEV AND CHARACTERIZES IT AS "FULL SOVIET SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS." PHILELEFTHEROS CHARACTERIZES HELSINKI AS "VERY IMPORTANT" DEVELOPMENT IN ATTEMPT ISOLATE TURKEY (AUGUST 5). DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING VIENNA III AND BIZONALITY ISSUE, HOWEVER, HAVE LARGELY DRIVEN HELSINKI OUT OF PRESS IN RECENT DAYS.

7. EC-9: DURING PERIOD OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE, PAPERS ALSO DISCUSSED EC-9 INITIATIVE ON CYPRUS. PRO-MAKARIOS PHILELEFTHEROS, FOR EXAMPLE, CLAIMS GOG FAVORS SUCH AN INITIATIVE. PAPERS ALL REPORT MAKARIOS' AUGUST 2 STATEMENT WHEN HE RETURNED FROM HELSINKI SAYING "IT IS TOO EARLY TO SAY WHAT FORM THIS (EC-9) INITIATIVE WILL TAKE. IT WAS MERELY AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND THE EXPRESSION OF A DESIRE FOR AN INITIATIVE. I THINK THAT NOT EVEN THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HAVE AGREED ON ANY PLAN FOR SUBMISSION TO ANY SIDE." NEXT DAY, HOWEVER, PRESS DID CARRY WEST GERMAN REPORT STATING MAKARIOS IS PREPARED MAKE CONCESSIONS AND THAT HE WELCOMED EC-9 INVOLVEMENT. AS IN CASE OF HELSINKI CONFERENCE, EC-9 INITIATIVE ALSO TOOK BACK SEAT TO CLERIDES-LYSSARIDES DISPUTE AS WEEK WORE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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